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Re: Delegation of Authority for Certain Patent Administration and Prosecution Activities

Dear Sir:

Effective this date and acting under the authority set forth in DHHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan's May 21, 1991 memorandum appearing in the Friday, June 7, 1991 Federal Register Notices at Volume 56, Number 110, pages 26418-26419 (copy attached), I authorize

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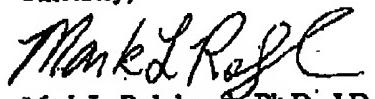
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Sincerely,



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